NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE PACIFIC BASIN AREA CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD

USE EXCLUSION

(Hectare, Acre) CODE 472

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

- To protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the plant, animal, soil, air, water, cultural and aesthetics resources; and,
- To protect, maintain, or improve human health and safety.

CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES

In areas where vegetative establishment and maintenance, soil condition, water or air quality, wildlife or aesthetic values are in need of protection. This practice is also applicable in areas that pose a safety hazard or contain cultural resources.

CONSIDERATIONS

All areas should consider existing or potential liability to the planning agency or the land user based on safety, health and public relations.

Barriers may consist of both natural and artificial structures.

CRITERIA

Barriers must be adequate to prevent use by targeted vehicles, animals or people.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, and narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation. Other conservation practices will compliment this practice. Other Pacific Basin standards include: Dike (356), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380), Rock Barrier (555),

Recreational Land Grading and Shaping (566), Hedgerow Planting (422), Precision Land Forming (462), and Fence (382).

Specifications for each structure will vary depending on the intended purpose or grade of exclusion. Barrier life expectancy must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Barriers will be periodically inspected and remedial repairs will be performed as needed.